

Application Serial No.: 09/675,180
Reply to Office Action dated September 3, 2004,
and Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
dated December 17, 2004

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A backing sheet for insulation, said backing sheet comprising:

a front side having an adherent material thereon;

a back side;

a stapling tab extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said stapling tab having a first portion of said back side positioned against a second portion of said back side; and at least one hole extending through said backing sheet such that a portion of said adherent material extends through said at least one hole and contacts said back side.

20. (Previously Presented) The backing sheet according to Claim 19, wherein said stapling tab comprises:

a first fold extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said first fold having a first portion of said front side positioned against a second portion of said front side; and

a second fold extending along the edge of said backing sheet contiguous with said first fold, said second fold having said first portion of said back side positioned against said second portion of said back side.

21-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The backing sheet according to Claim 19, wherein said

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stapling tab comprises:

a first fold extending along an edge of said backing sheet, said first fold having a first portion of said front side bonded to a second portion of said front side by said adherent material.

33. (Previously Presented) The backing sheet according to Claim 19, wherein said portion of said adherent material extending through said at least one hole bonds said first portion of said back side to said second portion of said back side.